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Subject: Questions for Honolulu

Hello Ray,

As we discussed yesterday, I drafted some preliminary questions to send to the City in response to the materials that they provided FTA. I will be around this afternoon to discuss them. I will be out of the office on Monday.

Thank you,

Liz

- FTA would like to see more information on the anticipated impacts from the proposed alternative alignment. For example, under environmental justice, rather than say there are no identified EJ areas or communities of concern, we would like to see what information was used to make that determination. This information could be somewhere in the technical reports or draft environmental impact statement. If so, reference back to specific pages and methods in these reports. Please do this with each resource area topic.
- Describe how in developing the avoidance alternative the efforts were made to minimize impacts on property acquisitions, privately owned businesses, historic properties, and the Keehi Lagoon Beach Park.
- For historic resources, the City provided new information on properties along Ualena street that were not previously included in the project's Area of Potential Effect. However, there is no discussion or information provided about the properties that would now be demolished as part of the proposed alternative alignment. Again, this information may be in the technical reports and draft environmental document. Direct FTA to specific reports and page numbers to support the statement that there would be no historic properties affected. This information will eventually need to be packaged in a way to share with the SHPD and other consulting parties.
- To support the administrative record, more information will be needed on the potential effects from City's preferred alignment presented in the draft environmental impact statement. We anticipate that Honolulu International Airport or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) would provide some information on the costs of moving the runway and radar equipment and changing airport plans. In discussions with FAA it was revealed that there could also be ecological impacts from shifting the runway toward the lagoon 400 feet. Please discuss and reference documentation on the potential impacts to threatened or endangered species and coastal wetlands.

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